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**Subject:** RE: (Aquifer Exemption Inquiry) (307143529) Region 9 Information Request/ Application for Aquifer Exemption  
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Thanks George for responding to this message.  
--Kerry

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Hi Rich,

I am interested in the particular application of your concern that you express the need to exempt an aquifer.

There are no forms for filling.

There are regulations and guidelines which are applicable, however because of the seriousness and complexity involved, questions should precede action and they should be addressed to those of us in the UIC program. Please also consider my supervisor David Albright, Manager, Ground Water Office, in this email's Cc-List.

Please be aware of these:

- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 40 CFR Part 144.7 "Identification of underground sources of drinking water and exempted aquifers."
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 40 CFR Part 146.4 "Criteria for exempted aquifers"
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ EPA's UIC Guidance 34 at [http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/uic/pdfs/guidance/guide-memo\\_guidance-34\\_review\\_state\\_prog.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/uic/pdfs/guidance/guide-memo_guidance-34_review_state_prog.pdf)

In short:

An "aquifer exemption" is an action taken solely by EPA.

That action exempts, removes an "aquifer" (more correctly, an USDW or "underground source of drinking water" as defined at 40 CFR Part 144.3 "Definitions") from protection. Therefore, this action is quite the most serious such that can be made within the UIC program.

We should engage in a conversation in the near future, although this week is quite hectic for me.

Let's determine a time when it is convenient for us.

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Hi Rich,

I have forwarded your message to George Robin and David Basinger for response. You should be hearing from one of them shortly.

The UIC Permit Application refers to an aquifer exemption on page 6, item S at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/uic/pdfs/7520-6.pdf> This has some instruction on the process.

--Kerry Shoji

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Requests/Comments: Is there an application form for aquifer exemptions, or any published guidelines that instruct someone on how to apply for an aquifer exemption? If either of these documents exist can they be downloaded from the internet, or alternatively, emailed to me? Thank you.

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